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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Chief, Basic Intelligence Division/RR

SUBJECT:

NIS on France

1. A colleague of mine in one of the Defense Department intelligence organizations has read with interest and appreciation the NIS on France. He has some comments on section 80 (Armed Forces) that may be of interest to you.

2. He takes the following quote from page 80-4, paragraph 2, on "Traditions": "... The French may be said to have a strong military tradition which since Napoleon III has remained vigorous but free from militarism." The comment is: "How about [REDACTED] in the Third Republic?"

3. Another comment is that in the second column on page 80-4, the general discussion has no mention of [REDACTED] and pre-war social disintegration.

4. My colleague, who is a fairly careful scholar, has high praise for the NIS in general.

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